**Rise in prices of school uniform clot(h in the country**

3614. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: WiU the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased;' to state;

(a) whether the Government are aware that the prices of school uniform cloth in the country have risen sharply in the recent past which has resulted in its poor demand and it has affected the school going children belonging to poor families;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to make available school uniform cloth at reasonable prices in tire country to help the poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Separate statistics of school irnjfform cloth primes Is not being maintained. However, average retail prices of mill made fabric, which is generally used for school uniform. have not increased sharply in recent; past.

**Case against officers of the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)**

3615. SHRI ASHIS SEN; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in all cases of disci plinary proceeding or Court/Tribunal judgements involving misappropria tion of funds during the last three years by officials of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handi crafts). the amounts involved have been recovered;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether officers responsible fi recovery have been identified ai the nature of action taken again them for not initiating recovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE C THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): ( No instance of misappropriation funds during the last three years 1 any of the officials of the office Development Commissioner (Hand crafts) has come to the notice ai hence the question of recovery do not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Cotton consumed by NTC Mills**

3616. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIV JI: Will the Minister of TEXTILI be pleased to refer to the answer Unstarred Question 2649 given the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 19 and state:

(a) how much cotton is consum annually by NTC Mills;

(b) what is the source of suppl and

(c) what percentage of total cott consumption is from C.C.I., C operatives and Private traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *C* THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILI (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): ( NTC has consumed an average 10.85 lakh bales of cotton per *yt* during the last three cotton years;

(b) NTC mills purchase cott 'from Cotton Corporation of Ind cooperatives and private trade.

(c) During the 1990-91 cotton ye NTC purchased 30.3 $pe_r$ cent of requirement of cotton $f_r$om CCI, 5 per cent from cooperatives and per cent from private traders.